Dear Parents 14th October 2016

Harvest Assembly

The children enjoyed a fun yet traditional Harvest Assembly. Thank you very much for all your generous food donations, these will be collected today by the local Foodbank. All fresh produce kindly donated by Nursery has been boxed up and will be taken to local residents.

Grove Cottage

Thank you again for your generous donations, we have raised £423.00 which will be gratefully received by this charity.

Mrs Knights

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Knights (Music Teacher) at the end of this term, she is leaving us to look after her granddaughter. Mrs Knights has taught at Northgate for nearly 29 years so you can imagine how many children she has worked with! I am sure you would like to join us in wishing her well.

Parent Consultations and Booking Appointments

Our two parent consultation evenings will take place on **Tuesday, 1st November from 4.00pm until 7.00pm and on Wednesday, 2nd November from 4.00pm until 6.30pm.** You will be able to sign up for your appointment from **8.00pm on Wednesday, 19th October** on the eSchools platform. Please ensure you have your parental log-in details to hand. You cannot book an appointment using your child’s log-in. If you have a problem with your username and password, please email the school office – admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk in good time and a new log-in will be issued to you. **Bookings will close at 12 midday on Friday, 21st October 2016.**

Reception

Parents of **Reception** children (**without older siblings**) will receive their log-in details for eSchools with an information letter regarding a link to a youtube video explaining how it works.

Nursery

Please note that Nursery parents will not be booking their parental consultations in this way as Mrs Gavin is holding a coffee morning/afternoon and they will book through her.

SEND Updates

Just a reminder that Miss Harding will be holding a Parent Workshop on Wednesday 19th October at 2.15-3.15pm and 6-7pm to discuss how the Learning Passports work and how parents can contribute to them. The sessions are available for any parent of a child with a Learning Passport if they feel they would like a refresher session on how to use them. If you would like to attend, please let Miss Harding know by sending an email to senco@northgate.herts.sch.uk and indicating which session is preferred (afternoon or evening).

Eco Council News

We are pleased to inform you that we made £230.00 from the Eco Brownie sale. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the Eco Committee and also to the parents for supporting this event.

Football

On Thursday Northgate took 2 teams to Summercroft School. Both teams did fantastically, the B team winning 4-2 and the A team winning 5-3, to maintain their unbeaten start to the season. A big well done to all the boys and girls who took part!

SOS!

Are there any parents available to help in the library, your help would be very much appreciated.

Midday Supervisory Assistants

Is there anyone in the local community (parents, grandparents, friends or relatives) who could work during lunchtimes in the school. This could be five days a week or one or two days a week. If you are interested please contact the school office.

Lost Property

Please check out the lost property box in the main reception as any items that have not been collected by Friday, 21st October will be discarded.

Community News

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show** will be live at the Spotlight Theatre and Cinema, Hoddesdon on Tuesday, 8th November at 2.00pm. For more information please visit <http://tinyurl.com/zxr32lk> or call the box office on 01992 441946.

**Grove Cottage URGENTLY** require more volunteers in a variety of roles including helping out in their clubs, helping with swimming at their special needs Nursery and driving the minibus on various days and at various times. To find out more please go to [www.mencapgrovecottage.org](http://www.mencapgrovecottage.org), email Amanda at volunteer@mencapgrovecottage.org or call 07939 480567.

**Grove Cottage** are also holding a Quiz Night hosted by Paul Winspear (former editor of the Herts and Essex Observer) on Thursday, 10th November at the Charis Centre. For more information please visit <http://mencapgrovecottage.org/events>, email natalie@mencapgrovecottage.org or call Natalie on 07876 478717.

**Bishop’s Stortford Rugby Club** are holding an October Half Term Camp from Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th October at the rugby club. For further information please visit [www.bsrfc.co.uk](http://www.bsrfc.co.uk), email marcus@ccsportscoaching.co.uk or call Marcus on 07870 163675.

Yours sincerely

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